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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6125**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1015

**NOTE PREPARED:** Oct 27, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Joint Parenting.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Pond

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes a rebuttable presumption that joint parenting is in the best interest of a child. The bill requires a court to consider the ability of the joint parents to communicate and advance the child's welfare if the presumption of joint parenting is challenged. The bill also repeals a provision containing language that is being relocated within the Indiana Code.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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